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SUBJECT: FINNISH COMMENTS ON ETUC MEETING

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1. IN HIS FEBRUARY 10 MEETING WITH EMB LABOR ATTACHE
SAK (FINNISH TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION) INTERNATIONAL
SECRETARY KARI TAPIOLA TOUCHED ON BRUSSELS EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING OF EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFEDERA-
TION (ETUC) FROM WHICH HE HAD JUST RETURNED.

TAPIOLA'S SUMMARY VIEW -- THAT MEETING WAS NOT VERY
PRODUCTIVE -- ACCORDS WITH REFTEL REPORT. TAPIOLA
REFLECTED FEELING THAT THERE WAS SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT
IN TREATMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM NON-EC
MEMBER COUNTRIES, SUCH AS SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION
INTO SWEDISH. HE STILL CONTENDS, HOWEVER, THAT THERE
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IS FAR TOO STRONG A LINK BETWEEN ETUC AND

EUROPEAN COMMISSIONS.

2. TAPIOLA SAID ITALIAN CGIL INTRODUCED AND
PRESSED FOR RESOLUTION ON ECONOMIC CRISIS. IN HIS
VIEW, IT WAS PERHAPS THE MOST PERTINENT TOPIC
DISCUSSED AND SEEMED TO EMBARRASS MAJOR FEDERATIONS
WHOSE BUSINESS IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN TO ADDRESS THE
PROBLEM IN FIRST PLACE. MATTER WAS REFERRED TO
SECRETARIAT FOR FURTHER DRAFTING AND LATER
ACTION.

3. ON EAST-WEST MEETING TAPIOLA DID NOT MENTION
DEBATE REPORTED REFTEL ON WHETHER ETUC SHOULD
ASSUME COORDINATOR ROLE. HE DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT
ETUC WOULD BE "REPRESENTED" AT EAST-WEST MEETING,
AS WOULD ICFTU AND WCL.
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